

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT General Services Agency	(2) MEETING DATE 5/20/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Shaun Cooper, Curtis Black 781-5200	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution accepting a grant award up to \$350,000 from the California Coastal Conservancy for the purpose of improving public coastal access at Pirates' Cove and the Cave Landing area, near Avila Beach, and request to authorize a corresponding budget adjustment in the amount of \$350,000 from unanticipated revenues to Fund Center 230- Capital Projects to construct Cave Landing Trail. District 3.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adopt the resolution accepting the California Coastal Conservancy grant award in a sum not to exceed \$350,000;</li> <li>2. Authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$350,000 from unanticipated revenues to FC 230- Capital Projects to construct Cave Landing Trail by 4/5 vote, contingent on acceptance of grant funding; and</li> <li>3. Delegate authority to the General Services Agency Director or designee to negotiate and execute any documents which may be necessary to obtain the grant funds from the California Coastal Conservancy, including any subsequent modifications, extensions, or amendments pertaining to said grant award agreement, upon review by County Counsel.</li> </ol>			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) California Coastal Conservancy	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$350,000	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR)  N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1314117 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: <u>11/18/2008, 2/26/2013</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  Emily Jackson			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 3			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board:

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## **DISCUSSION**

On October 3, 2013 the California Coastal Conservancy authorized the disbursement of a sum not to exceed \$350,000 to the County to design, apply for permits and construct public access improvements at Pirates' Cove and Cave Landing areas, near Avila Beach. The California Coastal Conservancy requires that the attached Resolution be adopted by the governing body before funds are disbursed.

The Pirates Cove and Cave Landing areas are located on County owned property between the Pacific Ocean and Cave Landing Road, near the community of Avila Beach. The immediate area is characterized by views of the Pacific Ocean, steep terrain, and residential development at Shell Beach. The site is 27-acres and has a history of informal recreational uses under private ownership including: volunteer trail use and coastal access to 3,100 linear feet of sandy beach known as Pirates' Cove.

The proposed public access improvements will provide coastal access and the necessary amenities including: a new restroom; improved bluff and beach access paths; a new beach access stairway; parking lot improvements; benches; interpretive signs; and trash receptacles. The total funding of \$1,432,745, which includes the requested budget adjustment has been provided by the following agencies: Fish and Wildlife, \$732,745; State Highway Administration, \$350,000; and the California Coastal Conservancy, \$350,000. The grant agreement with the California Coastal Conservancy anticipates that all work on the proposed improvements will be completed by December 31, 2016.

The proposed improvements are consistent with the County General Plan, and the Local Coastal Plan policies regarding: coastal access; visitor serving and recreation; and open space. They are also aligned with the Parks and Recreation Element goals to: "Augment access to and along the coast"; "Preserve unique natural areas and sensitive resources"; and "Incorporate a variety of funding sources to expand, acquire, develop and maintain parks, recreation opportunities and natural areas."

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

County Counsel has reviewed the proposed resolution and has approved it as to form and legal effect.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The proposed project is currently funded entirely by three grant sources with no County matching funds required. Funding sources include: Fish and Wildlife, \$732,745 and State Highway Administration, \$350,000. The additional \$350,000 from the California Coastal Conservancy will be placed in the project by this Board action. This will provide a total of \$1,432,745 in project funding. The current cost of the project is estimated at \$1,430,000.

Operation and maintenance costs for the proposed improvements are estimated to be approximately \$42,000 per year. This includes: restroom and parking lot maintenance; garbage/debris removal; trail and beach patrol; litter removal; general trail maintenance; and vegetation control. These costs are not currently funded within County Parks' maintenance budget and may be partially reduced through volunteer efforts such as Adopt-A-Trail agreement(s). Operation and Maintenance funding will be determined as a specific construction project is brought to the Board for approval.

## **RESULTS**

Accepting the recommended grant award from the California Coastal Conservancy and thereby completing the proposed coastal access improvements at the Pirates Cove and Cave Landing area will support the County's goal of providing a healthy and livable community.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Attachment 1 - Vicinity Map
2. Attachment 2 - Resolution